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Subpart A—General Information

§ 351.0 What does this part cover?

This part is the offering of United States Savings Bonds of Series EE (referred to as Series EE bonds or bonds) for sale to the people of the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary). Series EE bonds have been offered since 1980. The current offer was effective May 1, 2005, and will continue until terminated by the Secretary.

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§ 351.1 What regulations govern Series EE savings bonds?

- (a) The regulations in 31 CFR part 353 apply to definitive (paper) Series EE savings bonds that have not been converted to book-entry bonds through New Treasury Direct.
- (b) The regulations in 31 CFR part 363 apply to:
- (1) Book-entry Series EE savings bonds that were originally issued as book-entry bonds in New Treasury Direct; and
- (2) Definitive Series EE savings bonds that have been converted to book-entry bonds through New Treasury Direct.
- (c) The regulations in 31 CFR part 370 apply to transactions for the purchase of savings bonds issued through the Bureau of the Public Debt, but do not apply to transactions purchased through issuing agents generally.
- (d) We expressly disclaim any representations or warranties regarding Series EE savings bonds that in any

way conflict with these regulations and other applicable law.

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§351.2 How do I contact Public Debt?

You may contact Public Debt by email at *savbonds@bpd.treas.gov*, or by writing to the following address: Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106–1328. Our website address is *www.savingsbonds.gov*.

§ 351.3 What special terms do I need to know to understand this part?

Accrual date is the first day of any month on which earnings on a Series EE bond accrue. The redemption value of a bond does not change between these accrual dates.

Automated Clearing House (ACH) means a funds transfer system governed by the Rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). NACHA provides for the interbank clearing of electronic entries for participating financial institutions.

Bank account means your account at a United States depository financial institution (whether a bank or other financial institution) to which you have directed that ACH debits and payments be made.

Beneficiary refers to the second individual named in the registration of a security held in definitive form registered "John Doe SSN 123-45-6789 POD (payable on death to) Joseph Doe." In the New Treasury Direct system, beneficiary refers to the second individual named in the registration of a security registered "John Doe SSN 123-45-6789 POD (payable on death to) Joseph Doe SSN 987-65-4321." In these examples, Joseph Doe is the beneficiary.

Book-entry bond means a Series EE savings bond maintained by Treasury solely as a computer record.

Converted bond means a savings bond originally issued as a definitive bond that has been surrendered to us and converted to a book-entry savings bond to be maintained by Treasury solely as a computer record.

Coowner means either the first or the second individual named in the registration of a definitive Series EE savings bond registered "John Doe SSN 123-45-6789 or Joseph Doe." In this ex-

ample, John Doe and Joseph Doe are coowners.

Definitive bond means a Series EE savings bond issued in paper form.

Extended maturity period, second extended maturity period, and extended maturity refer to periods after the original maturity dates of the bonds during which owners may retain them and continue to earn interest.

Face amount refers to the nominal amount of a Series EE savings bond. The face amount of a definitive Series EE bond is imprinted on the front of the bond. The face amount of a bookentry Series EE bond is the amount of the original investment. (See principal amount.)

Fiduciary means the court-appointed or otherwise qualified person, regardless of title, who is legally authorized to act for another. Fiduciary does not include an attorney-in-fact.

Final maturity refers to the date that a bond ceases to earn interest.

Individual means a natural person. Individual does not mean an organization, representative, or fiduciary.

Inscription means the information that is printed on the face of the bond.

Interest, as used in this part, is the difference between the principal amount and the redemption value of the bond.

Issue date is the first day of the month in which an authorized issuing agent receives payment of the issue price of the bond.

Issuing agent means an organization that has been qualified under 31 CFR part 317, and any other entity that is otherwise authorized to issue bonds.

New Treasury Direct system (New Treasury Direct) is an online account system in which you may hold and conduct transactions in eligible bookentry Treasury securities.

Original maturity period or original maturity refers to the initial maturity period of a bond prior to any extensions of maturity; this period varies from 8 to 20 years, depending on the issue date of the bond.

Owner is either a single owner, the first individual named in the registration of a bond held in the owner with beneficiary form of registration, or the primary owner of a book-entry bond